

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that Ministry of Finance have taken steps to minimise wasteful expenditure in Government Departments and have already identified that there are certain sectors in which wasteful expenditure is maximum in various Government Departments;

(b) if so, the details of such sectors of his Ministry / Departments under him which have been identified for the purpose and quantum of wasteful expenditure identified therein during each of the last three years; and

(c) the corrective steps taken so far by his Ministry to curtail / stop such wasteful expenditure, if any?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI
OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c) Ministry of Finance have been issuing guidelines and instructions regarding economy / austerity measures in expenditure from time to time. Ministry of Finance had issued such guidelines on 24th September, 2000 in continuation of their earlier office memorandum dated 5th August, 1999 on the subject. These guidelines have been reiterated to all concerned including Public Sector Enterprises under the control of this Ministry for observance. The guidelines of Ministry of Finance have, interalia, prescribed austerity measures in respect of non-plan and non-salary expenditure, staff cars and official vehicles, foreign travels, seminars, workshops, conferences, etc.

The Ministry is taking all necessary measures in light of the guidelines of Ministry of Finance to economise expenditure in respect of the above. The Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry have also taken a number of measures to curtail wasteful expenditure. Measures taken by them in this direction, interalia, include upgradation of technology, energy conservation, reduction in input cost, reducing cost of borrowings, repairs and maintenance and other various cost control measures.